

CLASSIFICATION SECRETCOUNTRY East Germany REPORT TOPIC Quartering Area of the 25th Tank DivEVALUATION PLACE OBTAINED DATE OF CONTENT 25X1DATE OBTAINED DATE PREPARED 13 July 1954 25X1REFERENCES 840746 25X1PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) 25X1REMARKS This is UNEVALUATED 25X1

1. On 23 May, the barracks installations southeast and northwest of Berliner Strasse (4742 and 4741), Prenzlau, were almost vacant. 25X1

2. On 15 June, the SS Kaserne and the former Sachsenhausen concentration camp (4681 and/or 4682), Oranienburg, were occupied by about 1,000 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank and motor transport insignia. On 8 June, 2 T-34/85 tanks engaged in driving practices in the training area north of the installation. On 11 June, 2 JSU-122 guns were being serviced. On 12 June, 1 T-34 tank and 1 T-34/85 tank were seen near a gate and 10 trucks, each occupied by about 10 soldiers and carrying straw mattresses and billeting equipment entered the quartering area from the direction of the town. 25X1

3. Between 28 May and 4 June, it was learned that, in connection with the expected transfer to the KVP of the Soviet-occupied section of the Sachsenhausen concentration camp, plumbing facilities and billeting equipment of various buildings were being shipped to Vogelsang. 25X1

trucks, each occupied by 20 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets daily left the installation for the target ranges near the brickyard. The trucks returned at about noon. About 150 soldiers engaged in physical training, 80 to 100 soldiers were repairing tank spare parts and about 40 soldiers practiced aiming at a dummy tank. 25X1

4. On 1 June, the Weisse Stadt settlement (4683) was occupied as previously by about 50 soldiers. Between 27 May and 1 June, there was no training. 25X1

5. On 14 June, only motor vehicles of the topographic unit were observed in the Weisse Stadt settlement. A school for officers' children of this unit was being prepared in a quartering building. 25X1

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1. Comment. Elements of the 25th Tank Div from the Sachsenhausen concentration camp had been entrained as early as 29 May. The present information indicates that the quarters are to be vacated, presumably for KVP.

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2. Comment. the Hq 25th Tank Div in Oranienburg until 24 February 1954. the 53d Mtrcl Bn of the 25th Tank Div in Oranienburg until 25 February 1954.

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3. Comment. The information confirms the absence from the Prenslau and Oranienburg posts of units of the 25th Tank Div.

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